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MATSUI ANNOUNCES \$400,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION OF DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO

WASHINGTON, DC—With the help of Congressman Robert T. Matsui (D-CA), the Sacramento Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) has secured \$400,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program to cleanup and reutilize two areas in downtown Sacramento.

CADA will receive a \$200,000 grant to remove hazardous substances and rehabilitate the CADA Warehouse Site, located at 12th and R Streets, and an additional \$200,000 grant for similar cleanup of the Fremont Community Garden, located at 14th and Q Streets. According to the EPA, a brownfield site is property whose expansion can be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. The Warehouse Site and the Fremont Community Garden fall into this category because the soil at both sites is known to contain hazardous material.

"This is a big win for CADA and for Sacramento. Now that CADA has the funding it needs, it can move forward with plans to make these areas safe for our children, ensure the safe and healthy redevelopment of downtown Sacramento, and provide a boost to our local economy," Matsui said.

The CADA grants were awarded through the Brownfields Revitalization and Environmental Restoration Act, which authorizes up to \$250 million per year for redevelopment of Brownfields sites across the country. As a result of the act, which was signed into law in January 2002, California communities will receive approximately \$3.5 million in Brownfields cleanup grants.

"With Congressman Matsui's support and that of our partners; Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), the City of Sacramento, the State Department of General Services, and CAL-EPA we will be able to bring new jobs and housing to our community," said CADA's architect, Paul Schmidt.

Earlier this year, Congressman Matsui urged the EPA to consider CADA's request for portions of this funding. In letter to the EPA, Matsui wrote that the cleanup of these sites will encourage further reinvestment in the Central City area, support "greened" pedestrian environments and serve to benefit the community at large.

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